Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

November 2009

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended November 14, 2009, there were 521,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan during November 2009, an increase of 1,000 from October 2009 and 900 more than the number employed in November 2008.

Agricultural employment was 44,600 persons in November 2009, down 2,100 from the October 2009 level but 2,600 more than the November 2008 agricultural employment level of 42,000. Non-agricultural employment was 477,000 persons in November 2009. This is an increase of 3,100 from the October 2009 non-agriculture employment level of 473,900 but 1,700 less than November 2008.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for November 2009 was 4.5 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the October 2009 rate of 4.4 percent and 1.3 percentage points higher than the November 2008 level of 3.2 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 1,500 to 546,200 persons in November 2009 from 544,700 persons in October 2009. This is 8,100 more than the November 2008 labour force of 538,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 69.7 percent in November 2009 from 69.6 percent in October 2009. The November 2008 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.6 percent.

There were 24,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during November 2009. This is an increase of 500 from October 2009 and is 7,200 more than the number unemployed in November 2008.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 519,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in November 2009, up 1,800 from the October 2009 level of 517,700 but is down 800 from the November 2008 employment level of 520,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2009 was 5.2 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the October 2009 rate of 5.3 percent but 1.4 percentage points higher than the November 2008 rate of 3.8 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 14,700 persons in November 2009 to 16,924,100 persons from 16,909,400 persons in October 2009. In November 2008, there were 17,117,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.4 percentage points to 8.0 percent from the October 2009 level of 7.6 percent. In November 2008, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.5 percent in November 2009. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than October 2009 but 2.1 percentage points higher/lower than the November 2008 level of 6.4 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	November 2009	October 2009	November 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,390.0	18,300.6	18,243.8	89.4	146.2
Employed ('000)	16,924.1	16,909.4	17,117.8	14.7	-193.7
Full-Time ('000)	13,588.5	13,687.8	13,820.9	-99.3	-232.4
Part-Time ('000)	3,335.6	3,221.7	3,296.8	113.9	38.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,465.9	1,391.1	1,126.1	74.8	339.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	7.6	6.2	0.4	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.5	8.6	6.4	-0.1	2.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	66.7	67.4	0.3	-0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	546.2	544.7	538.1	1.5	8.1
Employed ('000)	521.6	520.6	520.7	1.0	0.9
Full-Time ('000)	423.7	423.8	422.4	-0.1	1.3
Part-Time ('000)	97.9	96.8	98.4	1.1	-0.5
Unemployed ('000)	24.6	24.1	17.4	0.5	7.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.4	3.2	0.1	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	5.3	3.8	-0.1	1.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.7	69.6	69.6	0.1	0.1
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,134.7	2,115.3	2,098.7	19.4	36.0
Employed ('000)	1,979.5	1,966.6	2,025.1	12.9	-45.6
Full-Time ('000)	1,610.3	1,618.3	1,678.5	-8.0	-68.2
Part-Time ('000)	369.2	348.2	346.6	21.0	22.6
Unemployed ('000)	155.2	148.7	73.6	6.5	81.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.3	7.0	3.5	0.3	3.8
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.4	7.5	3.5	-0.1	3.9
Participation Rate (%)	73.8	73.3	74.5	0.5	-0.7
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	641.8	640.2	634.7	1.6	7.1
Employed ('000)	609.9	607.9	609.0	2.0	0.9
Full-Time ('000)	487.3	489.9	484.8	-2.6	2.5
Part-Time ('000)	122.5	118.0	124.2	4.5	-1.7
Unemployed ('000)	31.9	32.3	25.7	-0.4	6.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.0	4.0	0.0	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.3	5.8	4.2	-0.5	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	69.1	69.5	0.1	-0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	November 2009	October 2009	November 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	546.2	544.7	538.1	1.5	8.1
Male	292.0	292.1	287.2	-0.1	4.8
Female	254.2	252.6	250.9	1.6	3.3
15-24 Years of Age	92.9	92.9	97.4	0.0	-4.5
25+ Years of age	453.3	451.9	440.7	1.4	12.6
EMPLOYED ('000)	521.6	520.6	520.7	1.0	0.9
Male	276.4	278.5	277.6	-2.1	-1.2
Female	245.2	242.1	243.1	3.1	2.1
15-24 Years of Age	83.9	83.4	91.0	0.5	-7.1
25+ Years of age	437.8	437.2	429.8	0.6	8.0
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	24.6	24.1	17.4	0.5	7.2
Male	15.6	13.6	9.6	2.0	6.0
Female	9.0	10.6	7.8	-1.6	1.2
15-24 Years of Age	9.0	9.4	6.4	-0.4	2.6
25+ Years of age	15.6	14.7	11.0	0.9	4.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.5	4.4	3.2	0.1	1.3
Male	5.3	4.7	3.3	0.6	2.0
Female	3.5	4.2	3.1	-0.7	0.4
15-24 Years of Age	9.7	10.1	6.6	-0.4	3.1
25+ Years of age	3.4	3.3	2.5	0.1	0.9
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.7	69.6	69.6	0.1	0.1
Male	75.5	75.7	75.4	-0.2	0.1
Female	64.0	63.6	64.0	0.4	0.0
15-24 Years of Age	67.0	66.9	69.7	0.1	-2.7
25+ Years of age	70.3	70.1	69.6	0.2	0.7

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	November 2009	October 2009	November 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	44.6	46.7	42.0	-2.1	2.6
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	26.9	25.2	25.4	1.7	1.5
Utilities	4.9	4.7	6.1	0.2	-1.2
Construction	38.3	41.1	40.9	-2.8	-2.6
Manufacturing	27.1	26.7	28.8	0.4	-1.7
Trade	77.8	77.3	82.9	0.5	-5.1
Transportation and Warehousing	26.5	25.1	23.2	1.4	3.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.1	27.8	29.4	1.3	-0.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	22.7	21.3	21.0	1.4	1.7
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.2	12.1	10.6	-1.9	-0.4
Educational Services	43.2	41.7	41.6	1.5	1.6
Health Care and Social Assistance	68.9	67.9	63.6	1.0	5.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.5	19.8	18.9	-0.3	0.6
Accommodation and Food Services	28.5	29.3	31.9	-0.8	-3.4
Other Services	23.8	23.8	23.6	0.0	0.2
Public Administration	29.6	30.2	30.7	-0.6	-1.1
Total	521.6	520.6	520.7	1.0	0.9
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	423.7	423.8	422.4	-0.1	1.3
Part-Time	97.9	96.8	98.4	1.1	-0.5
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	418.8	418.1	423.3	0.7	-4.5
Public Sector	136.6	134.4	134.0	2.2	2.6
Private Sector	282.2	283.7	289.3	-1.5	-7.1
Self-Employed	102.9	102.5	97.4	0.4	5.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	November 2009	October 2009	November 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	16,924.1	16,909.4	17,117.8	14.7	-193.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	213.5	214.8	215.3	-1.3	-1.8
Prince Edward Island	69.2	71.6	67.3	-2.4	1.9
Nova Scotia	454.2	458.4	452.4	-4.2	1.8
New Brunswick	367.0	373.1	365.2	-6.1	1.8
Quebec	3,863.9	3,858.1	3,888.8	5.8	-24.9
Ontario	6,567.6	6,573.1	6,665.3	-5.5	-97.7
Manitoba	609.9	607.9	609.0	2.0	0.9
Saskatchewan	521.6	520.6	520.7	1.0	0.9
Alberta	1,979.5	1,966.6	2,025.1	12.9	-45.6
British Columbia	2,277.7	2,265.2	2,308.6	12.5	-30.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	8.0	7.6	6.2	0.4	1.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.2	15.2	13.6	0.0	1.6
Prince Edward Island	11.7	9.5	11.7	2.2	0.0
Nova Scotia	9.1	8.1	7.7	1.0	1.4
New Brunswick	7.9	7.1	8.0	0.8	-0.1
Quebec	7.7	7.3	7.2	0.4	0.5
Ontario	8.6	8.1	6.7	0.5	1.9
Manitoba	5.0	5.0	4.0	0.0	1.0
Saskatchewan	4.5	4.4	3.2	0.1	1.3
Alberta	7.3	7.0	3.5	0.3	3.8
British Columbia	7.7	7.7	4.7	0.0	3.0

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	November 2009	October 2009	November 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	16,873.9	16,794.8	17,131.4	79.1	-257.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	215.3	212.6	218.3	2.7	-3.0
Prince Edward Island	71.0	70.6	69.5	0.4	1.5
Nova Scotia	454.8	453.3	453.6	1.5	1.2
New Brunswick	367.8	369.4	366.8	-1.6	1.0
Quebec	3,849.5	3,828.1	3,891.7	21.4	-42.2
Ontario	6,540.2	6,513.1	6,662.9	27.1	-122.7
Manitoba	608.6	605.5	609.2	3.1	-0.6
Saskatchewan	519.5	517.7	520.3	1.8	-0.8
Alberta	1,980.0	1,967.2	2,031.6	12.8	-51.6
British Columbia	2,267.1	2,257.2	2,307.4	9.9	-40.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	8.5	8.6	6.4	-0.1	2.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.9	17.0	13.7	-1.1	2.2
Prince Edward Island	11.7	12.0	10.8	-0.3	0.9
Nova Scotia	9.5	9.3	7.8	0.2	1.7
New Brunswick	8.8	8.5	8.7	0.3	0.1
Quebec	8.1	8.5	7.2	-0.4	0.9
Ontario	9.3	9.3	7.1	0.0	2.2
Manitoba	5.3	5.8	4.2	-0.5	1.1
Saskatchewan	5.2	5.3	3.8	-0.1	1.4
Alberta	7.4	7.5	3.5	-0.1	3.9
British Columbia	8.3	8.3	5.0	0.0	3.3

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Sep-Nov 2009	Aug-Oct 2009	Sep-Nov 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.3	8.4	6.4	-0.1	1.9
Halifax	6.4	6.8	4.7	-0.4	1.7
Saint John	5.4	5.4	5.5	0.0	-0.1
Quebec	4.9	5.2	3.6	-0.3	1.3
Montreal	8.5	9.0	7.2	-0.5	1.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.3	5.6	4.6	-0.3	0.7
Greater Sudbury	9.4	10.1	5.7	-0.7	3.7
Toronto	8.9	9.5	6.7	-0.6	2.2
Winnipeg	5.3	6.0	4.5	-0.7	0.8
Regina	4.8	5.5	3.3	-0.7	1.5
Saskatoon	4.0	4.3	3.3	-0.3	0.7
Calgary	7.0	7.0	3.7	0.0	3.3
Edmonton	7.6	7.8	3.5	-0.2	4.1
Vancouver	7.2	7.4	4.3	-0.2	2.9
Victoria	7.1	6.8	3.4	0.3	3.7
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	155.1	155.2	158.0	-0.1	-2.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.9	53.5	54.1	-0.6	-1.2
Saskatoon-Biggar	173.7	174.2	168.6	-0.5	5.1
Yorkton-Melville	41.1	41.1	41.7	0.0	-0.6
Prince Albert & Northern	98.4	97.3	99.3	1.1	-0.9

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Sep-Nov 2009	Aug-Oct 2009	Sep-Nov 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	542.6	545.8	538.7	-3.2	3.9
Employed ('000)	518.4	518.5	520.1	-0.1	-1.7
Unemployed ('000)	24.2	27.3	18.6	-3.1	5.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	5.0	3.5	-0.5	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	69.8	69.8	-0.5	-0.5
Employment Rate (%)	66.2	66.3	67.4	-0.1	-1.2
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	505.1	507.4	497.9	-2.3	7.2
Employed ('000)	486.3	485.9	483.4	0.4	2.9
Unemployed ('000)	18.8	21.5	14.5	-2.7	4.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	4.2	2.9	-0.5	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	70.6	70.1	-0.4	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.5	67.6	68.0	-0.1	-0.5
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	37.5	38.4	40.8	-0.9	-3.3
Employed ('000)	32.1	32.6	36.7	-0.5	-4.6
Unemployed ('000)	5.4	5.7	4.1	-0.3	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.4	14.9	10.1	-0.5	4.3
Participation Rate (%)	59.4	60.9	66.1	-1.5	-6.7
Employment Rate (%)	50.9	51.8	59.5	-0.9	-8.6
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	14.1	14.8	17.1	-0.7	-3.0
Employed ('000)	11.5	11.5	14.5	0.0	-3.0
Unemployed ('000)	2.6	3.3	2.5	-0.7	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.3	22.2	14.9	-3.9	3.4
Participation Rate (%)	49.5	51.9	61.3	-2.4	-11.8
Employment Rate (%)	40.5	40.4	52.2	0.1	-11.7
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Labour Force ('000)	23.4	23.6	23.6	-0.2	-0.2
Employed ('000)	20.6	21.1	22.0	-0.5	-1.4
Unemployed ('000)	2.8	2.5	1.6	0.3	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.1	10.4	6.7	1.7	5.4
Participation Rate (%)	67.8	68.4	70.5	-0.6	-2.7
Employment Rate (%)	59.6	61.3	65.8	-1.7	-6.2

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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